



# SPLASH! Newsletter of Worthing Swimming Club

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## ASA ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Sussex County ASA Annual Council Meeting was held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December at Field Place, Worthing. Club Chairman, Peter McCallum, was installed as Sussex County ASA President for 2005. His daughter Louise will be his Consort.



### **Peter McCallum and daughter Louise, pictured afterwards.**

Peter said, "It is a great honour for the Club. I am also pleased to have Louise as Consort. It was due to her success at Club, County, District and National level that increased my involvement in swimming and being considered by the County for nomination as President."

It will be a busy year for Peter, attending many galas, events and meetings as well as attending the Annual Dinner/Dances of all the other counties that make up the Southern Counties ASA. His first official functions have been to present the awards at the Brighton SC Open Meet and attend the Southern Counties ASA Dinner/Dance and Annual Council Meeting near Windsor.

## ROWLAND GIBSON

In the week before Christmas, Rowland was involved in a road accident whilst cycling in the town centre. A car came out without warning, from a side road forcing him to brake hard. In the process, he was thrown over the handlebars, spent 6 days in hospital and was left with a badly shattered elbow. The driver of the car drove off without stopping.

However, the outcome could have been much worse had Rowland not been wearing a helmet. He is now recovering, but it is likely to be at least 3 months before he is back to 'normal'.



In the meantime, the Club would like some help with running the shop. If any parents are able to spare some time on either or both Tuesday and Thursday evenings, between 7:00pm - 8:30pm, please see Phil Hart.

The Club wishes Rowland all the best for a speedy recovery.

John Dommen, Club President.

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## OFFICIALS COURSES

During the year we run many competitions which take huge amounts of time in preparing and running. We are always grateful for the help given by many of you, but we always need more officials. In the last couple of years I have run courses, during the autumn, to train new Timekeepers, Judges and Starters for the ASA examinations, normally held each November. The ASA have now decided to hold these examinations on demand for Timekeepers and in April and November for Judges. We desperately need more officials, particularly Timekeepers and Judges. I intend holding courses on a Tuesday or Thursday during Club sessions and would be grateful if anyone who would like to discuss becoming an official, if only for our Club activities, to contact me on any Tuesday or Thursday evening or ring me on 01903 234388. **We need your help!**

Rob Drage  
Club Captain

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## OPEN MEETS

Over the next few months there are a number of Open Meets being held. Details can be found on the Club notice boards and Website. These events are a great opportunity to meet and compete against swimmers from clubs outside the County. If you would like further details, please see Dave Yeandle.

## EASTER RAFFLE

The Club will be holding an Easter Raffle again this year. Further details will be available soon.

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## PRE COMPETITION DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

The Pre Competition Development Squad swimmers are training at Wadurs on Sundays at 6:00pm – 7:00pm or 7:00pm – 8:00pm. Involvement in the squad is by invitation only for swimmers that are committed to regular training. Apart from gaining the ASA NPTS Award Levels in the width classes at the Aquarena, the squad will also be working towards the ASA Swimming Challenge Awards. There are six levels: Level 1 and 2, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Honour. On 21<sup>st</sup> November and 12<sup>th</sup> December, the following swimmers passed Level 1 and 2:-  
Charlotte Barnett, Alice Wardley, Hannah Joseph, Jessica Saunders, Sophie Grand, Amy Rodemark, Millicent Rodemark, Rebecca Rodemark, Joe Hazeldine, Jack Walker, Samuel Wildman and Richard Lintern. The following swimmers passed Level 1:-  
Amy Quach, Daniel Parkman, and Joseph Butcher. Congratulations to everyone who has achieved this award and thank you for all the parents for their encouragement and support. Hopefully, all these swimmers will progress soon to the gala squad.

Fanny Chan and Dawn Osborne

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Copy for the April/May newsletter must be with Rowland Gibson no later than Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

## CHRISTMAS MEAL

The Club's annual Christmas meal was held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January at The Bull, Goring. 21 people sat down to a delicious 3 course meal.



We would like to thank Club President, John Dommen, for organising an enjoyable evening.

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## CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Feb - County Long Distance Championships, Bognor Regis.

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – County Championships & Age Groups, Crawley.

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – County Championships & Age Groups, Crawley.

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Feb – Mayor's Charity Swimathon, Worthing.

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Mar – County Championships & Age Groups, Crawley.

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Mar – County Championships & Age Groups, Crawley.

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Mar – Sussex League-Gala 1, Worthing

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## MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS RECEPTION

On 15<sup>th</sup> December Rowland Gibson and Club President, John Dommen, were invited to a reception given by the Mayor to thank people who have been involved in community work in Worthing. In the years Rowland has been organising the Mayor's Charity Swimathon over £23,000 has been raised.



**The Mayor with Club President, John Dommen.**

## McDONALD'S MEAL

Following the Speedo League Round 3 gala, held at Southampton on 11<sup>th</sup> December, the Club treated members of the gala squad and helpers to the traditional meal at McDonald's. A good time was had by all, as these pictures show.

